

Fair to-day. To-morrow increasing cloudiness.

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PASTOR OPPOSES GIVING \$400,000 TO HOSPITALS

"Public Funds Are Public Trusts," Says Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr.

"PEOPLE TOO SELFISH" Money Can Be Spent to Better Advantage, Declares Minister in Forceful Sermon.

Declaring that \$400,000 of the nearly \$1,000,000 appropriation for the District can be spent to better advantage, Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., pastor of the Church of Our Father (Universalist), in a forceful sermon yesterday morning, attacked the proposition to finance the erection of new buildings for Emergency and Columbia hospitals...

People Too Selfish. "The fact is that we as a people have been selfish. The fact is we have often taken the attitude of beggars. I do not mean all of the District. But I do mean that selfish men have gone to Congress year after year and urged selfish schemes, and mistaken men have gone there year after year and urged foolish schemes and the rest of us have kept still."

BIG COAL STRIKE SEEMS INEVITABLE

London, Feb. 18.—The national catastrophe, as many term the threatened coal strike, drew one day nearer to-day without any attempt being made as yet to prevent more than a million miners from walking out on March 1. There is no indication to-day that any effort at mediation will be made and the event which Mr. Edward Grey has described as "the greatest catastrophe in our history" is regarded as inevitable.

DICTOGRAPH PLAYS BIG PART IN CASE

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—That the prosecution of the fifty-four men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy will be based principally on the confession of Orville McManigal, supported by the stenographic records of a telephone dictograph, which was connected with the office of President Irwin, is the opinion of the United States attorney, Charles W. Miller.

MAKE IMPORTANT CAPTURE

Chicago, Feb. 18.—John W. Irwin, former recording secretary of the Peoria, Ill., local Structural Iron Workers, and one of the most widely sought labor men indicted by the Indianapolis Federal grand jury in the dynamite plot, was arrested this afternoon by the United States authorities. Irwin was taken to the Federal building and was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mark A. Footh, who released him on a bond of \$5,000.

Only 46 Hours to Havana Atlantic Coast Line, N. Y. & Florida Steamship Co. All points reached. All-steel, electric-lighted Pullman Super-rodway. 143 New York Ave. N. Y.

NEWPORT LID IS ON; DUBBED "HOLY CITY"

Newport, R. I., Feb. 18.—Newport is now dubbed "the holy city," because Gov. Pothier has ended selling liquor out of hours and on Sundays, closing houses of ill repute and so-called floored rooms over the heads of Mayor Boyls and Chief Crowley, through Sheriff Anthony. Not a drink was sold to-day.

EARL LECTRIM MAY HUNT FOR BROTHER

New York, Feb. 18.—The Night Lion, the Earl of Lectrim arrived to-day on the Cunard steamer Carmania. It has been said the English nobleman was coming to this country in search for his brother, the Hon. Frank Clements, heir to the earldom and a seat in the House of Lords.

UNION JOAN OF ARC RESIGNS IN A HUFF

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 18.—Pearl McGill, the youthful Joan of Arc of the American Federation of Labor, has thrown down the gauntlet to John Golden and his associates in that organization and has joined the Industrial Workers of the World.

Miss McGill, who is a mere girl, is the youngest labor agitator and active Socialist in the history of American industrial disputes. She has been in New England for the past month soliciting funds for the Peart Union Workers' Union, of Muscatine, Iowa, who have been on a strike for nearly a year.

AVIATORS PERFORM MANY NOVEL STUNTS

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Tom Gunn, the only Chinese aviator in the world; Farman T. Fish, the youngest aviator; Blanche Stuart Scott, the most daring woman aviator; and Lincoln Beachey, the "rag-line flyer," were the stars at today's international aviation meet at Oakland.

MAD DOG AMUCK, TERRORIZES TOWN

New York, Feb. 18.—Hundreds of persons in Mount Vernon went to bed to-day almost in a state of alarm because a supposedly mad dog was at large. During the day the dog had snipped at least five persons, including a five-year-old girl, had wounded several dogs with his fangs and led a remarkable hunt while the churches were pouring their congregations into the streets.

MEN ARE 200 YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES

New York, Feb. 18.—For the American women I have the greatest admiration. I think that physically, morally and mentally they can set an example to all their sisters in Europe. No; I have no intention whatsoever of marrying any one. But the men?

A BLAST FROM HIS BUGLE HORN.



GARDNER RELEASED, DENIES HIS GUILT

Gives Bond in House of Mystery Conspiracy Case—Police Say Accomplice Has Confessed.

New York, Feb. 18.—Frank J. Gardner, former State senator from Brooklyn, pleaded not guilty when arraigned to-day on the charge of conspiring to defraud Samuel K. Haslett, the aged reclusive occupant of Brooklyn's "House of Mystery," and was released in \$2,000 bond.

"I decided to examine Decker right there at Mr. Haslett's bedside," said Magistrate Kemper to-day, describing the scene in the house. "He said that the aged man had asked him to send for Gardner last Monday, saying that he wanted to give Gardner the power of attorney in place of Mr. Lord. Decker went on to say that Gardner came Monday night and again on each of the following nights up to and including Friday night, February 16. He said that Gardner fixed up the papers and drew two wills, and that Mr. Haslett signed them. I repeated Decker's story to Mr. Haslett and he said that he did not know anything about it."

Lt. Bloom Will Receive Fair Play, Says Official

War Department Not to Interfere with Military Procedure Unless Extraordinary Features Develop.

Unless the case develops extraordinary features, the War Department will take no hand in the reported court-martial of Lieut. Joseph A. Bloom at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., on charges of having engaged in fistfights with a noncommissioned officer. Authorities at the War Department yesterday stated they had received no notice of the affair and, as was usual in such cases, would leave the entire matter in the hands of the division commander. This course, it was explained, was underlying, and would be held to all the more rigidly because young Bloom was the center of a national controversy.

WITNESSED DURBAR ON TAFT'S LETTER

Price of Telegram Saying They Bore Note from President Was Only Cost.

New York, Feb. 18.—The price of a telegram, saying they bore a letter from President Taft, enabled an American couple to witness the durbar in Delhi, India, where the emperor is to be crowned.

"I am not worrying," he said. "I have absolutely nothing to fear. There will be plenty of sensational exposures made before this case is through, and let me assure you that I will not be the victim. On the way back to my office he stated that that durbar was essential, but we did not have them. Still we went to the durbar. There was an enormous concourse of guests. In the midst of it was the carpet of gold and purple. The King-Emperor and the Queen-Empress were the central figures. We sat one hundred feet away. The wonderful procession went by. The Emperor spoke. There were bands and regiments and natives and elephants. The price of one telegram had given us all that wonderful experience."

BOGUS COURT ARRESTED

In Toils at Liverpool on American Wife's Complaint.

Vienne, Feb. 18.—An Austrian woman living in New York, who thought she was the Baroness Bartenfels, has discovered that she is plain Frau Bars and has set the police on the trail of her recreant husband. The Austrian police have found Bars in Liverpool, where he awaits extradition, and have also arrested his lawyer, Kollman, who is said to be an expert swindler.

FIND LIVING MONA LISA

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—A jury of Pittsburg artists, seeking a woman with an ideal Mona Lisa smile, has finally selected Miss Agnes Willis, of the North Side, to enact that role in the prophetic pageant play, "The Vision of She-who-knows," to be presented by the University of Pittsburg, February 25, in connection with the 15th anniversary celebration of the institution.

INTEREST CENTERS IN LOST LETTERS

Missives Sent Valet Brandt by Member of Schiff Household Will Play Important Part.

New York, Feb. 18.—Pending the decision of Supreme Court Justice Gerard on the application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Folke Engel Brandt, the former valet to Mortimer L. Schiff, who was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment on an inconsequential charge of burglary, the fight of the authorities to obtain the release of Brandt and punish his persecutors on a charge of conspiracy, centered to-day around four letters which are said to be held by Howard S. Gans or his client, Mr. Schiff.

Two Cornell Students Drowned

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Berry A. Converse, twenty years old, of Buffalo, and Charles W. Gatman, twenty-two years old, of Richfield Springs, N. Y., were drowned this afternoon on Cayuga Lake while skating. They were Cornell students of the civil engineering class of '12. The bodies have not been found.

Colombia in Hostile Note Warns Knox Not to Visit Republic

Sensational Diplomatic Episode Emphasizes Colombia's Protest Over Panama Affair.

MAY LEAD TO RECALL OF MINISTER

The Fact that the Central American Government's Request for Arbitration Has Been Ignored by the United States Is Made Subject of Bitter Comment.

The State Department has been officially informed that the presence of Secretary Knox is not desired in the republic of Colombia, and that if he does not want to aggravate existing differences he must omit that country from his visiting list during his Central American trip. The information is contained in a letter written by Senor Ospina, Minister from Colombia, who admits that he is acting on his personal responsibility. It is probable that the episode will lead to his recall, but the hint that Secretary Knox's visit would be unpleasant will probably be taken, and Mr. Knox will omit Colombia from his itinerary.

THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE. The trouble between Colombia and the United States is a sequel to the separation of the present republic of Panama from Colombia during President Roosevelt's administration, an episode which preceded the building of the Panama Canal and the details of which are presented in the current number of the North American Review under the title, "A Chapter of National Dishonor." It is also being investigated by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Representative Rodney having introduced a resolution which alleges that the action of the United States was a violation of the well-established principles of the law of nations. The situation has become acute because Colombia last November asked that the matter be submitted to the Hague tribunal for arbitration, a request which has been entirely ignored by the State Department.

Minister Ospina's Letter. Minister Ospina yesterday made public the letter which he had written to the State Department, acknowledging the receipt of a communication informing him that Secretary Knox would make a tour of the Central American republics and would, if agreeable, include Colombia. Minister Ospina said that he had forwarded the department's note to his government by mail and had asked for instructions. He then added: "Speaking, therefore, in my own name and without any knowledge of the views of my government on the matter, I take the liberty that there is perhaps reason for believing that such a visit of his excellency, the Secretary of State, may happen to be considered as inopportune at the present time, in view of the fact that Colombia still finds herself placed by the United States in an exceptional position, as the only member of the numerous family of independent nations scattered over the face of the earth to which, despite its constant demands, the United States refuses to submit to arbitration questions referring exclusively to the interpretation of public treaties and the compliance with obligations imposed by the universally accepted principles of international law on all civilized nations in their relations one with another. It is not to mention here that even the ex-President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, both when he occupied that position, and when, returned to private life, he has dealt in public with these matters, has always emphatically maintained the propriety and desirability of submitting to the decision of an impartial tribunal of arbitration the decision of international controversies involving such questions."

Ignored by This Government. He adds that he has had no reply to his letter of November 25, 1911, appealing for arbitration, and he cites the peremptory attitude of the United States toward England when that country left unanswered for some length of time a note respecting the arbitration of the Venezuelan boundary question. "Let it be permitted to Colombia in her weakness," he concludes, "to respectfully and candidly express how hard it is for her to see herself subjected to a like treatment. No one who shows the least sympathy for the policy of my country at the delay in the satisfactory disposal of these questions will fail to look sympathetically upon the efforts which it is necessary for me to make to obtain that settlement be arrived at as rapidly as possible."

Mr. Knox Will Stay Away. In view of the Colombian Minister's note, Secretary Knox probably will abandon his proposed visit to Colombia. If the Colombian government upholds the stand taken by its Minister here, it will create a serious situation between the United States and Colombia, which may result in the breaking off of diplomatic relations. If the Colombian government, however, repudiates the action of its Minister, it will not remove entirely the embarrassment created by the publication of the Minister's note. While officials of the State Department declined to comment last night upon the note, they say that Secretary Knox will not visit Colombia as a result of the untoward incident.

WOUNDED IN STREET DUEL

Little Girl Is Victim of Italian Gang's Bullets.

New York, Feb. 18.—A little girl and two men were seriously wounded in a shooting affray that occurred in the heart of Williamsburg to-day. The child, May Therese, an innocent bystander, will probably lose the sight of her right eye, while Edmund Santalano, one of the gun fighters, is not expected to live, and Emanuel Moustahana, also a gunman, is badly wounded in the right arm.

Starboarded. He Kills Himself.

New York, Feb. 18.—After spicing epigrams to the heads of his former employers on a piece of business, Louis Draper, a tailor, dashed to the fourth floor and flung himself out of the window, breaking his neck on an extension three floors below. Draper had been charged by the man from whose house he committed suicide.